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After 5 years of serving as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Periodontal & Implant Science (JPIS)*, I am truly delighted to announce that *JPIS* has recently been selected for coverage in the Science Citation Index Expanded, online at the Web of Knowledge. As of August 14th, *JPIS* was included in the database, starting from the first issue of volume 41, 2011.

According to some words from the decision letter from Thomson Reuters, *JPIS* is indeed endowed with sufficient international diversity of authors and editorial board members and highly appreciated for providing up-to-date information relevant to the profession of periodontology and dental implantology, covering a variety of interests in the field of dental as well as basic or clinical science.

Looking back upon the past, our journal was initiated as the *Journal of the Korean Academy of Periodontology* in 1971. Ever since it was renamed to the *Journal of Periodontal & Implant Science* in 2010, *JPIS* has successfully kept up with an internationally acknowledged norm. In fact, *JPIS* had already been indexed as an international journal a long time before we received this great news. In 2010, *JPIS* was the first Korean scientific journal of dental medicine to be registered in PubMed and PubMed Central, the world's largest biomedical databases, maintained by the United States National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. *JPIS* was also accepted in 2011 for inclusion in Scopus, which is a globally renowned academic database of Elsevier. Through this gradual process of building international recognition, a number of international authors have contributed to the development of *JPIS* by submitting high quality manuscripts. We believe that the inclusion of *JPIS* in the Science Citation Index Expanded will enable a larger number of scholars to disseminate their knowledge and findings.

To assure a smooth e-submission process, we have recently decided to adopt ScholarOne in an effort to upgrade the manuscript submission and review process. We are currently discussing with Thomson Reuters how to best integrate its standard into our system, so the reader will soon find a newly revamped *JPIS* site with a more stable submission and decision process.

On behalf of the editorial board members, I wish to express our thanks to all the scholars who have contributed quality articles and provided peer reviews that have made *JPIS* what it is today. We will endeavor to ensure that *JPIS* makes a profound contribution to the Web of Knowledge as a journal covered in Science Citation Index Expanded. Furthermore, we would like the readers to keep in mind that we sincerely welcome all our fellow scholars' voices in *JPIS* through submission and review.

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